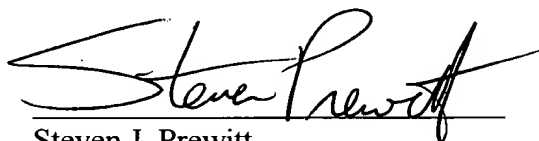


claims 23 and 27-39 are directed to non-elected Species A, and claims 47-60 are directed to Species B.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Prewitt", written over a horizontal line.

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